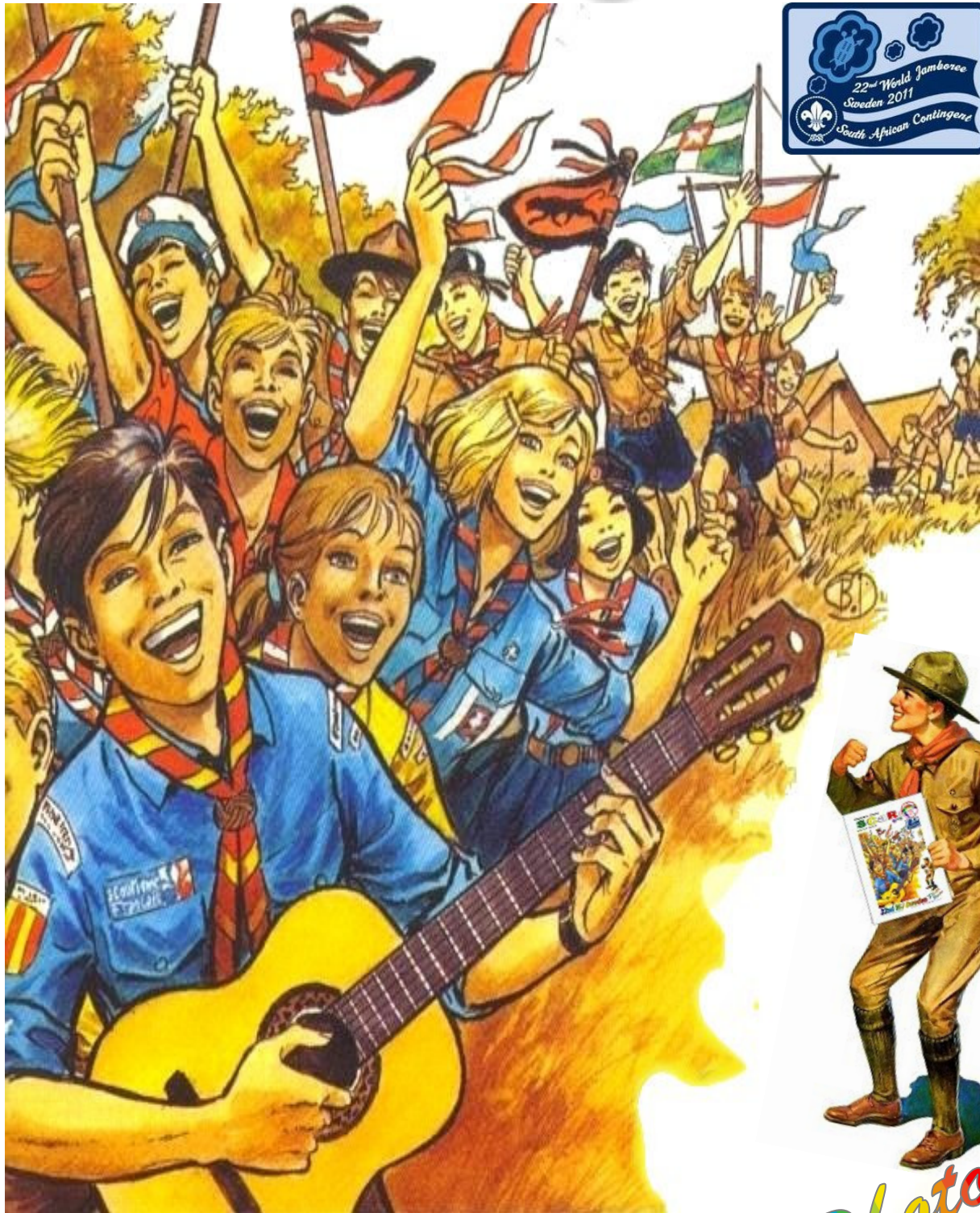


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"WOW, it was amazing!" To portray the many memories and adventures would take pages of accounts heard and told, thus only brief hard facts are recorded here, with pictures each telling a story - to do justice to the rest. The theme was 'Simply Scouting', attended by 40 061 Scouts from 143 countries. South Africa sent 105 Scouts and 30 Adults (80 from Western Cape) in 3 Troops Drakensberg, Magaliesberg and Witzenberg, with Adult Support and an IST (International Service Team). Departure was Sat 16 July from all over SA to rendezvous at a 'shakedown camp' Gilbanken in Gauteng - for final preparations and team building.



Mon 18 July, 135 highly charged heart beating Contingent members flew Jo'burg to Frankfurt and into adventure recorded briefly here over 10 days: Luxury busses to Rüdesheim, boat up the River Rhine seeing castles and villages to St Goarshausen, bus to Braubach, visit Marksburg Castle with medieval armour, continue to Bonn and youth hostels, on to historical city of Cologne with its Cathedral and climb 533 steps to top of Spire, bus to Brühl, swing from the trees at Schwindelfrei, German barbeque and touch rugby, buses across Germany to Berlin, tour Volkswagen Factory Wolfsburg, explore Autostadt, head from West to the former East Germany and Generator Hostel, visit Embassy of SA in Germany, brief city tour en route to Museum Island, boat along Spree River, bus tour of Berlin, Berlin wall and Brandenburg Gate, medieval feast in Zitadelle Fortress Spandau in the mighty basement of the Zitadellenschaenke, evening out using public transport to Maximilian's Restaurant for Bavarian evening, busses to Rostock, via ferry over the Baltic Sea to Denmark for HO-HO (HOME Hospitality), on to Kastrup (Copenhagen airport) for shuttle bus ferries to the Jamboree site.





After many months of waiting - Jamboree Day Wed 27 July finally arrived! Opening Ceremony Thurs 28 July and Closing Ceremony 6 August. On offer were Arts and Crafts, International and Cultural displays with intermingling, prehistoric Scouting, huge water activities, module activities, music, dancing, food festivals, badge swapping, sports, rain, sunshine and many other varied lifetime experiences for all to enjoy, both on and bussed to off site. An action packed fun filled Jamboree sadly ending far too soon for the return to SA via Frankfurt, arriving 8 August after 24 unforgettably and unimaginable days!



